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REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON ITS FIRST SESSION

Note by the secretariat

Statement of the programme budget implications of draft decisions of the Preparatory Committee, delivered orally at the 9th meeting, on 4 May 2000, pending preparation of a final statement

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1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council which were adopted by the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

2. Under the terms of a draft decision, the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance would decide to recommend to the General Assembly the following:

(a) The establishment of an inter-sessional open-ended working group to meet in Geneva for a duration of five working days at the end of January 2001;

(b) An extension of the second session of the Preparatory Committee for an additional five days in May 2001 with the participation (in the week of the second session and in the week of the extension) of:

(i) Two representatives of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;

(ii) Two representatives of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD);

(iii) Five representatives of treaty bodies (from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile and South Africa);

(iv) Three special rapporteurs (on racism, religious intolerance and migration).

3. The following preliminary information is provided to the Preparatory Committee pending preparation of a statement of programme budget implications to be submitted to the General Assembly at its next session.

		In United States dollars	
		2000	2001
A.	One session of the inter-sessional open-ended working group		
	Section 22 No costs		
	Section 2		220 000
B.	Second session of the Preparatory Committee (May 2001)	-	-
	Section 22		
	Travel of two representatives of the Sub-Commission	-	20 200
	Travel of two representatives of CERD	-	26 400
	Travel of five representatives of the treaty bodies (from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile and South Africa)	-	42 500
	Travel of three special rapporteurs (on racism, religious intolerance and migration)	-	30 200

		In United States dollars 2000	2001
Note: Travel for a second representative of the Sub-Commission and of CERD would have to be specifically authorized by the General Assembly in accordance with the existing Financial Regulations and Rules. Cost estimates are based on the assumption that such authorization would be granted. Also, it should be noted that all the representatives would have to be specifically designated by their respective bodies.			
	Total		119 300
Section 2 Extension of the second session (1 week)		225 000	
C. General temporary assistance to support the above meetings			
2 P-3 x 12 months		95 000	95 000
1 GS for 12 months		38 000	38 000
Grand total	Section 22	133 000	252 300
Grand total	Section 2	-	445 000

4. A sum of US$ 160,000 is included in the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 under section 22 to cover the substantive requirements arising during the preparation process for the World Conference. The additional resources required are estimated at US$ 385,300. Should the General Assembly not authorize travel for the second representative of the Sub-Commission and the second representative of CERD, the total requirements would be reduced to US$ 362,000. The potential for absorption or the need for extra resources will be determined when the full statement of programme budget implications is prepared for submission to the next session of the General Assembly.

5. The conference-servicing estimates are based on full costing and on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent capacity included under section 2 (General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services) of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001. Provision, however, has been included under section 2 not only for meetings programmed at the time of the preparation of the budget, but also for meetings which might be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences are consistent with the pattern of meetings of past years. As a result, no additional appropriation would be required under section 2 of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.